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SUB: COCOA AGREEMENT DISCUSSIONS AT OECD MEETING

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1. COMATT CONVEYED TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SAWADOGO
FEBRUARY 12 SUBSTANCE OF US POSITION ON COCOA AGREEMENT AND
US DELEGATION'S PLANS TO RAISE SUBJECT INFORMALLY WITH OTHER
CONSUMER COUNTRIES AT THE OECD HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON
COMMODITIES DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9 (REF A). MINISTER
SAWADOGO REITERATED SOME IVORIAN PROBLEMS WITH THE
AGREEMENT AS DISCUSSED REFS B & C AND STATED HIS PERSONAL
OPINION THAT AGREEMENT WAS UNWORKABLE IN PRESENT FORM.
MINISTER THANKED EMBOFF FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENTED
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THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE US DELEGATION TAKE THE INITIATIVE
WITH THE CONSUMER COUNTRIES ON THE QUESTION OF THE COCOA AGREEEMTN.

2.SAWADOGO STRESSED THE COOPERATION OF THE USG WOULD BE VITAL TO ANY SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT, AND HOPED THAT A RENEGOTIATING SESSION WOULD EVENTUALLY COME ABOUT. HE INDICATED THAT THE PRODUCERS GROUP ON COCOA IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT THE END OF THIS MONTH OR EARLY MARCH. HE STATED THAT THE GOIC DELEGATION WOULD DISCUSS AT THAT MEETING ITS PROBLEMS WITH THE AGREEMENT.

HE FURTHER COMMENTED THAT ONLY CONCERTED EFFORTS ON THE PART OF BOTH PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES WILL YIELD A SUCCESSFUL COCOA AGREEMENT. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THESE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD PRODUCING SUCH AN ACCORD.

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